



# THE WATCHDOG



## Peninsula's canine teams compete for USFK top prize

Story, photos by Spc. Alex Licea  
Watchdog Editor

**Yongsan**—After months of preparation and training, the week of May 16 through the 20<sup>th</sup> was one each Military Working Dog team had circled on their calendars. Teams from across the Korean peninsula met face-to-face to compete in six events during the inaugural U.S. Forces Korea Military Dog Competition held in Yongsan, South Korea.

The 10 teams, consisting of eight U.S. and two Korean teams, competed in a variety of specialized events such as building and vehicle detection, fitness and endurance and explosives detection.

For dog teams, such as Sgt. Antonio Rivera and his canine, Nero, the preparation prior to the event was one of intense training and repetition.

"We trained everyday for at least four hours," said Rivera. Getting to attend this competition was worth the months of training, he stated

During the competition, most of the events consist of the dog handler holding his or her canine by the leash as they conducted building sweeps and endurance drills to test a dog's de-

tection ability for explosives and narcotics, however the "controlled aggression" phase displays how dogs can detain a suspect or even attack a fleeing

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**Indy, a military working dog, bites Sgt. James Martin of the 94th Military Police Battalion during the "controlled aggression" phase of the competition**

### Force Protection Information

The U.S. Forces Korea Civil Gathering Hotline is an automated recording, updated daily intended to inform servicemembers and their families across the Korean peninsula about ongoing pro or anti U.S. civil gatherings. When on post simply dial **115**. The hotline informs callers about the dates and times of scheduled civil gathering as well as locations.

If you find yourself in one of these areas and need assistance simply call **112** for the Korean National Police. If in Seoul dial **02-7914-3004** or **3005** for Yongsan's military police.

If in other area of Korea, soldiers and their families can refer to the emergency phone numbers on the USFK SOFA card.

**Reminder: All USFK Personnel and their family members are required to carry a SOFA card at all times. Be safe and use the Buddy System**

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criminal.

"The average dog can apply up to 700 pounds of pressure per bite," said Staff Sgt. Trapanger Stephens, assistant military working dog program manager. "Working dogs also run about 40 yards in about three seconds making it very hard on a suspect to run away."

The phase is known by most military police officials as the "bread and butter," or



**The Military Police Working Dog Program primarily uses German shepherds, Belgian Malinois and Dutch shepherds**



**Sgt. Antonio Rivera of the 728th Military Police Battalion receives a big bite from one of the 10 dogs that participated in the event**

"showstopper" of the military police working dog program.

"That is what everyone wants to see," said Staff Sgt. Michael Billo, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Yongsan Kennels.

Winners were announced during a small ceremony held Thursday, May 20th.

Each team was congratulated for their efforts and participation during the USFK competition.

"You all are very important to the readiness of Korea and the rest of the Army," said Lt. Col. Chad McRee, chief of the provost marshal operations. "You all did a remarkable job."

The overall award or "top dog" prize was awarded to Sgt. Keith R. Molin from the 94th MP Battalion. Second and third place went to Sgt. James Martin and Sgt. Douglas Timberlake

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also from the 94th.

All dogs and handlers, regardless of which military service they are assigned to train at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The military working dog program primary uses German shepherds, Bel-

gian Malinois and Dutch shepherds to train as "top cops."

Military Police officials stated they would like to hold another peninsula-wide event in six months.

## Upcoming Watchdog Events

June 1-4: 57th MP Co Gunnery

June 6-10: Provost Marshal General Visit

June 7: 55th MP Co Change-of-Command



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK



### "Working at the Car Wash yeah!"

**Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters, 8th Military Police Brigade held a car wash fund raiser Saturday, May 22. Over \$1,100 dollars was earned during the event. The money will go to improving the quality of life for the company and its Soldiers.**

*Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Hayden De Land  
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## For those who serve on Memorial Day

By Col. Peter M. Champagne  
8th MP Brigade commander

On May 31 2004, we celebrate Memorial Day, a national holiday honoring those who gave their last full measure of devotion for the cause of freedom. Some would say that with our advances in technology everything has changed; I disagree. Far and away the most important things have never changed. The courage to face the enemy, the dedication to the mission, the fortitude to bear adversity, and the willingness to sacrifice everything that life has to offer. These, the most precious things of all, have not changed and never will.

As I have stated many times, "Safety is a command priority" that requires a commitment from all leaders. Every year traffic deaths and injuries irrevocably alter or destroy the lives of our soldiers and families. These accidents are not consistent with the disciplined lifestyle associated with the Watchdogs. Leadership and risk management, as well as a respect for traffic laws, military regulations will ensure that we are not squandering the gift of freedom through needless loss of life.

Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of Summer. To reduce the potential for accidents during this extended training holiday weekend, I expect all Commanders to conduct safety briefings to address these common hazards:

a. Excessive drinking with all the attendant pit-



*Col. Peter M. Champagne*

falls.

b. Risk associated with outdoor recreational activities and prevention of hot weather injuries.

c. Hazards associated with heavy traffic and unpredictable roadway driving practices.

d. Wearing of safety belts.

e. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and fatigue.

Whatever your plans, keep safety and force protection in mind. We must continue to be aware of our surroundings and use the "buddy system". Our goal is to celebrate and enjoy this holiday without loss of life or serious injuries. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

## Watchdogs!... 100 percent and then some

### CULTURAL NOTE: Did you Know ...

It is typical in Korea for single people to go on group blind dates. The reason is because many Koreans are shy around unfamiliar people especially the opposite gender so being in a group provides them with some comfort.

## Enforcement personnel come together for reception

Story, photos by Spc., Alex Licea

**Yongsan-**It was a warm and comfortable evening as members from the law enforcement community gather together for the Fourth Annual U. S. Forces Korea Provost Marshal's Law Enforcement Reception on Tuesday, May 18 at the Dragon Hill Lodge.

The reception is held each year to recognize outstanding achievement in the world of law enforcement across the Korean peninsula.

This year's theme "One team, one purpose" was symbolized by both Korean and Americans as they displayed a continued partnership to force protection for military bases stationed on the Republic of Korea.

"Right now we have Korean National Policemen in and around every installation protecting servicemembers and their families," said Lt. Col Chad McRee, chief of provost marshal operations. "They support us everyday no matter the situation, in the rain or snow they are there."

This function began with a traditional cake cutting to mark the annual festivities followed by the award's ceremony.

This year's receptions included Mr. Dave Schnorbus, U.S. Embassy regional security officer, Col. Kim, Hon-bae, ROK Army provost marshal general, Retired Brig. Gen Song, Hwan-ok, and Brig. Gen Han, Seong-dong, ROK Army Joint Investigations Group, ROK National Defense commander.

"We continue to relay on each other more and more," said McRee. "We form an unbeatable team."

Before the reception concluded, Air Force Lt. Col. Gerald Curry, who worked as the USFK deputy provost marshal, was farewelled by his peers as he received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his two years of service and dedication to the position.

The reception was the forefront of a continued U.S.-ROK alliance.

"We learn from each other from each other and benefit from our work relations," said Col. Peter M. Champagne, Combined Force Command, USFK, and 8th Army provost marshal. "U.S. and Korean law enforcement continue to work as one team."



**Members of the Seoul America High School Orchestra played during the event's social hour**

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**Col. Peter M. Champagne (middle), along with the night's recipients cut the cake in unison during the event's opening ceremony's.**

Translated to Hangul by Sgt. Min, Kyung-nam

용산- 따뜻하고 편안했던 5월 18일 화요일 저녁, 드레곤 호텔에서 치안 관련 인사들은 제 4회 주한 미국 헌병 참모부 치안 연회를 열었다.

연회는 훌륭한 치안 업무를 표창하기 위해 매년 행하여 진다.

올해의 테마는 “하나의 팀, 하나의 목표” 였는데 이는 한미 양국의 변함없는 동맹 관계를 유지하며 군사 방어를 실시하자는 의미를 담고 있다.

“지금 저희 기지 주변에는 항상 저희를 보호해 주는 대한 민국 전경들이 있습니다.” 라고 작전 참모인 맥리 중령이 말했다. “그들은 비가 오건 눈이 오건 항상 저희들을 도와주고 있습니다.”

연회는 전통적인 케익 절단식을 시작으로 이어 시상식을 거행했다.

올해의 연회에는 대사관 보안 장교인 스노버스 씨, 대한 민국 헌병감 (직무 대리)인 김홍배 대령, 헌병감을 역임했던 송환옥 예비역 준장, 한승동 예비역 준장이 참여했다.

“우리는 점점 더 서로를 의지하며, 무적의 팀을 만듭니다.” 라고 맥리 중령이 말했다.

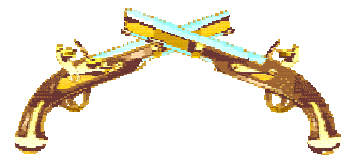
연회가 끝나기 전에 주한미군 부 헌병감인 공군 중령 커리는 2년간의 헌신적인 복무로 DMSM 상을 받으면서 함께 일한 동료들과 송별식을 가졌다.

이 연회는 지금껏 계속되어 온 한미 동맹의 선두 역할을 했다.

“우리는 서로에게서 많은 것을 배우고 또 얻습니다.” 라고 한미 연합사 헌병 참모, 주한 미군, 미 8군 헌병 살여관 겸 8헌병 여단 여단장인 샴페인 대령이 말했다. “한미 연합 치안은 하나의 팀으로 계속되어야 합니다.”



**Col. Peter M. Champagne presents Col. Kim, Hon-bae with a plaque in appreciation of his efforts to the law enforcement community. Kim was one of four to receive a award**





# New Soldiers

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SSG	MARTINEZ, LISA	31B	142ND/94TH
SPC	JONES, BOBBIE	31B	55TH/94TH
SSG	DANKO, HARMONY	31B	55TH/94TH
PV2	CAMPBELL, ANDREW	91W	142ND/94TH
PFC	CANELA, YAVE	92Y	557TH/94
SGT	HANNUN, CRAIG	31B	57TH/728TH
SGT	MOREL, DANNY	92A	188TH/728TH
SPC	CASTILLO, JESUS	92Y	188TH/728TH
SPC	HUMES, JERMANIE	92Y	HHD/728TH
MSG	HAWKES, ARTHUR	63Z	HHC/8TH MP BDE

